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Re:

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Application No. 10/743,838; Filed: December 24, 2003

For: Handle For Carrying Case

Inventor:

W. Dale HOLLINGSWORTH

Our Ref:

2219.0190004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO-1449 listing SEVENTY-SEVEN (77) documents (8 pages);
- 3. Copies of FOUR (4) of the SEVENTY-SEVEN (77) documents as listed on Form PTO-1449; and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicant has listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicant reserves the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

Applicant has checked the appropriate boxes below.

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	Office in a counterpart PCT application.
	Documents AB1, AE1, AG2, AF3, AC4, AB5, AC5, AE5, and AF5, were cited
	in an International Preliminary Examination Report (enclosed as document AQ1)
	by the European Patent Office in a counterpart PCT application.
□ 6.	A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s)
	appears below:
⊠ 7.	Copies of the documents are submitted herewith, with the exception of the U.S.
	patent documents (see box 9 below).
□ 8.	Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that
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∑ 9. No copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the
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§ 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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10. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent application no(s). ______ in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier

prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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